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From: ELLS, Steve
Sent: Thur 12/19/2013 4:22:50 PM
Subject: RE: Letter from Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark

Geoff, if possible, could you please send me a copy of the draft CSM report too?

From: Geoffrey Grubbs [mailto:ghgrubbs@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 4:34 PM
To: Woolford, James
Cc: Clark, Becki; Barr, Pamela; ELLS, Steve
Subject: Letter from Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark

Hi, Jim --

Thanks again for hosting us last week to discuss the Lower Passaic. Very much appreciated. All the CPG's remaining modeling code and supporting documentation should go to Region 2's contractors this week as promised. In addition, the draft CSM for the entire 17 miles of the LPRSA will be submitted to Region 2 this Friday. Our technical team will meet with Stephanie Vaughn on the draft CSM as soon as a meeting can be set up. Our offer still stands to help R2's modeling contractors run our modeling code if they have any problems.

We talked at some length last Thursday on the fish exchange pilot project we're starting to help deal with the reality that lots of people do fish from this river despite NJ's fishing ban. Here's a good support letter for our project from the corporate arm of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. This church is the biggest historically black church in Newark and there's a lot of enthusiasm for this project -- church leaders came to the last full CPG meeting to introduce themselves and to voice their support. I think they would come to Washington if asked. This corporate arm of the church will be heavily involved in implementing the hydroponics pilot project.

To repeat what we said at the meeting, this is a pilot and not a formal launch. Most importantly, it's designed as an interim health protection step for the community. It's not a substitute for a remedy.

Would you please forward this letter to Mathy and others that may be interested? I'm sure we'll all be talking more about our pilot project given the initial resistance it's received from Region 2 and in local press.

Thanks again. Have a really good holiday break if we don't talk beforehand. Talk with you later --

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